

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 21 to 26, as follows:

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21. (Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the system can be used as an optical equalizer.

22. (Amended) The system of claim 2, wherein the system can be used as an optical equalizer.

A 23. (Amended) The system of claim 3, wherein the system can be used as an optical equalizer.

24. (Amended) The system of claim 5, wherein the system can be used as an optical equalizer.

25. (Amended) The system of claim 6, wherein the system can be used as an optical equalizer.

26. (Amended) The system of claim 7, wherein the system can be used as an optical equalizer.

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